

## Original Work Assessment

Last year for my final product I made patient education packets for a medical mission trip called Salvando Corazones that goes to Peru twice a year to perform open-heart surgeries on underserved patients. This year, my mentor, Ellie, and I decided to take it a step further and I took up the role of Project Manager for the trip because it lacked one. The trip, since 2012, has been organized and managed by Dr. Aldo Rafael, a cardiac surgeon at Baylor University Medical Center, who also founded the trip. Ellie set up a meeting with Dr. Rafael on November 29 to essentially pitch the idea of me assuming an administrative roll for the medical mission. Thankfully, Dr. Rafael was very accepting of our offer and even offered me the opportunity to go on the trip with them in March. With performing the actual surgeries and trying to stay on top of the logistics of the trip, it was getting to be too much so I have taken up a position on the team to help alleviate some of his workload and handle all the logistics so that he can focus on the patients.

Since this project is extremely detailed, time-consuming, and large, I will be combining my original work and final product into one big project that I will present at the end of the year when the trip is complete. While I do not have a singular, complete document to submit for my original work, I have a conglomeration of tasks that I have had to complete so far in regards to this medical mission trip. Some of these tasks include, filling out documentation, applying for grants, setting up and launching social media accounts, creating a T-shirt design, coordinating meetings and dinners, among other things.

I utilized higher level thinking skills in the creation of my original work by being creative, thoughtful, detail-oriented, organized, and flexible when it comes to putting together such a big and complex event. I am delving into territory that I have never come across before so this is all one big learning process for me. As I continue with this project, I will need to stay on my feet and be open to critique because I am bound to make mistakes. This project contains elements of marketing, accounting, project management, business administration, and just plain organization so I will need to have an open mind to learning as I get taught processes and best practices over the next couple of months. One thing that I can definitely bring to the table is my youthfulness and creative mind so I will need to utilize those advantages to their greatest extent so that I can truly show off my potential to the powerful people involved in this and put out a product that is worth being proud of.

Unfortunately, the fruit of my labor will not come to complete fruition until March when the trip is complete and over with. The small yet somewhat intangible things I am put in charge of will not become one concrete product until a few months later, but so far I have completely designed a T-shirts, made a Facebook page, created a

GoFundMe, organized a work structure diagram, completed the Peruvian American Medical Society grant application, and updated all the necessary documents needed to approve the trip. Until March when my work can be presented at Final Presentation Night, I will continue to complete the tasks I am given and keep on track with the project plan to facilitate a smooth and successful expedition to Lima, Peru.